

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1-9 and 11-14 are amended for clarification purposes only and not to distinguish over the prior art. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

It is greatly appreciated that that Office Action indicates that claims 1-14 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections.

The Office Action objects to Fig. 1. Fig. 1 is amended. Thus, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-14 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

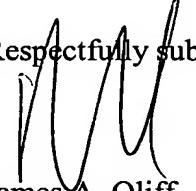
Claims 1-9 and 11-14 are amended to obviate the rejection. Thus, it is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-14 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1, 5, 6 and 12 of U.S. Patent No. 6,529,055. A Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.321(c) is attached to this Amendment. Thus, it is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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Attachments:

Terminal Disclaimer
Replacement Sheet

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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached replacement drawing sheet makes changes to Fig. 1 and replaces the drawing sheet with Fig. 1.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet